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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH GOVERNOR OF LITTORAL PROVINCE

1. AMBASSADOR SPIRO PAID FAREWELL CALL ON GOVERNOR OF LITTORAL PROVINCE JEAN-MARCEL MENGUEME IN DOUALA ON WAY OUT OF CAMEROON MAY 7. AFTER USUAL COURTESIES, AMBASSADORASKED GOVERNOR WHETHER HE COULD SEE HIS WAY TO ACCEPTING VISITOR'S GRANT TO US ANY TIME SOON. GOVERNOR RESPONDED JOKINGLY THAT HE MIGHT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT AT AGE 55(HE IS NOW 52) BECAUSE HE WAS TOO BUSY. BUT HE WAS EAGER TO HAVE HIS TWENTY YEAR OLD SON STUDY IN US.

2. THIS LED HIM TO DISCUSS YOUNGER GENERATION, WHICH TENDS TO BE RADICAL. HOWEVER, HIS OWN SON IS QUITE REALISTIC. REALISM LEADS HIM TO CONSIDER RUSSIANS MORE RELIABLE BECAUSE THEY MAINTAIN AID TO THEIR FRIENDS, WHEREAS US CUT OFF ITS MILITARY AID TO FNLA-UNITA IN ANGOLA AND REDUCED IT TO ZAIRE.

3. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, BUT ECHOING STANDARD TWQ-POINT MESSAGE AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN RECEIVING THROUGHOUT HIS FAREWELLS, GOVERNOR SPOKE OF HIS FEARS OF RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES IN REGION AND THROUGHOUT AFRICA, AND CAMEROON'S NON-ALIGNED BUT NOETHELESS VERY PRO-AMERICAN STANCE. HE SAID THAT
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ONLY THE US HAS STRENGTH AND AUTHORITY AMONG WESTERN COUNTRIES; E.G. OF THE WESTERN LEADERS ASSEMBLING IN LONDON, ONLY PRESIDENT CARTER COULD SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY.

4. RUSSIAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA HAS HAD THE RESULT OF CREATING A WORSE CLEAVAGE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY THAN EVER BEFORE, ACCORDING TO GOVERNOR. WHEN RUSSIAN

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AID REPLACED US AID IN ETHIOPIA, THE DIRG STARTED TO KILL STUDENTS.

5. COMMENT: GOVERNOR MENGUEME IS KNOWN TO EMBASSY AS MOST EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AND VERY PRO-US.BY HAVING HIM ECHO FOR FINAL TIME MESSAGE WHICH AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN HEARING THROUGHOUT FAREWELLS, THE CAMEROON GOVERNMENT MADE SURE THAT THE US GOT THE POINT: THE RUSSIANS ARE A GREAT DANGER, AND CAMEROON WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE AID FROM AND CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE US. STEARNS

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